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TRACK TAC[®] FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why were Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments developed?

A. There were two main reasons:

The first was because friends asked us to make a product better than the one they were using.

The second reason was we thought we could come up with a product or products that were safer than what we were given to test and we could improve race performance.

Q. Are TRACK TAC[®] Tire Treatments safe chemicals?

- A.** Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments are safer than what is typically used to treat tires. We have been careful to use no cancer causing compounds. Most chemicals can be skin irritants so they need to be treated with respect. Any chemical needs to be treated with respect. There are many chemicals under the typical kitchen sink that are more harmful than Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments. Please treat any chemical with respect. There is no such thing as a perfectly safe chemical. Even water can be harmful in many ways. Water can suffocate, cause severe burns, be a skin irritant and much, much more. Please treat any and all chemicals with the respect they deserve.

Q. How long has the company that makes Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments existed?

- A.** We can trace our history back to the 1890's. That is a long time making chemicals.

Q. How long have we been making Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments?

- A.** We started our research in 2002 and started selling our first tire treatments in 2004. We have been making some of the components in Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments for over 30 years.

Q. What is the reason for the different products?

- A.** We found that one or two or even three different products did not do the job.

Q. Will the different products work equally well on asphalt and dirt?

- A.** Different products work better on different race surfaces.

Q. Can the products work from inside the tire?

- A.** Each product gives a different effect if used from the inside. Track Tac[®] PRW-Orange with DRT is wasted if used from the inside. Track Tac[®] SST5-Purple will take weeks and weeks to completely penetrate the tire if used from the inside.

Q. Can air be used to pressurize the tires?

- A.** We strongly recommend that AIR NOT BE USED if the tires are treated from the inside. CO₂, Nitrogen, Argon, or Helium will keep from making a potential BOMB. This is the case for any tire soak from any tire soak maker.

Q. Can Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments be overused or is it wasted?

- A.** All Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments should be used sparingly otherwise it is wasted.

Q. Can Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments be mixed together?

- A.** We do not recommend this, but it can be done. What we do recommend is layering the products. This works very well and gives some unique results. TRACK TAC[®] Treatments are the only treatments we know about that are designed to be applied on top of each other.

Q. Are Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments safe to ship?

- A.** Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments can be shipped unregulated by ground shipment if packaged the way we pack it. It can't be shipped by air and Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments requires special paperwork to ship by sea.

Q. Do Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments build heat into the tire?

- A.** The simple answer is yes. We have gotten many reports from racers that the tires treated with Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments build quick heat (but don't over heat as easily) compared to other products. The tires stay more consistent than any other product we have looked at. The good thing is that the "bite" is better than other products we have looked at. The racers that are using Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments are very pleased with the Track Tac[®] Tire Treatments – and look at the next question.

Go Fast - Finish The Race



Q. Do Track Tac® Tire Treatments cause tires to wear out quicker?

A. No, it is just the opposite based on reports from racers using Track Tac® Tire Treatments, the reports are the tires have a much longer life. We have been told of 50% to 75% longer tire life versus competitive products.

Q. What is Track Tac® SST used for?

A. Track Tac® SST is most popular on asphalt tracks when used either from the inside or from the outside.

Q. What does Track Tac® SST5-Purple do?

A. Track Tac® SST5-Purple is designed to give durable "bite" to the tire, but not drop the durometer more than 5 points. If over used it can drop the tire 10 points. If used from the inside it will also drop the hardness because the component that keeps the tire hard can't pass through the tire when used from the inside. Use this product sparingly.

The best way to use Track Tac® SST5-Purple is to put on three light coats at least an hour apart and then let the tires stand for a full 8 to 10 days. At the end of the 10 days there will be a slight greasy film left on the tire. Wipe this film off of the tire the night before or the morning of the race using Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT. This product can give so much bite it will "bog-down" the kart or car if it doesn't have enough torque. Again don't overuse Track Tac® SST5-Purple.

Q. What type of racing is Track Tac® SST5-Purple best used for?

A. Based on what racers have reported back to us Track Tac® SST5-Purple is best used where there is a durometer rule restricting the softness of the tire. It is best on hard, dry, dusty dirt (clay) tracks. The harder, hotter and dustier the track is the better Track Tac® SST5-Purple performs.

Q. What is Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT?

A. Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT is "bite" in a can. It is a Pre-Race Wipe that will not change the durometer of the tire if applied correctly. Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT gives tires great "bite" when it is used on top of one of the other Track Tac® Tire Treatments. Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT is designed to be used before each heat, before qualifying, and before the feature race.

Q. Where is Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT used?

A. Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT is best on dirt tracks because it is also designed to keep tires cleaner on dirt tracks.

Q. How does Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT keep tires cleaner?

A. Track Tac® PRW-Orange has DRT – Dirt Repelling Technology. There is a special additive that lets the tire throw off the dirt better. Tires treated with Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT run cleaner and stay cleaner after a race. If you race on dirt, once you have used Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT you won't want to race on dirt without it.

Q. How do you drop the hardness of a tire by 10 points and keep it 10 points softer?

A. If you are racing on dirt the best product to use is Track Tac® GK1-Blue. It will drop the hardness by about 10 point and keep it there if the instructions on the bottle are followed. If Track Tac® GK1-Blue is only applied the day of the race it will drop the hardness but it won't last. Apply Track Tac® GK1-Blue early in the week as instructed and use Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT before you go out to race, each time, if possible (heats, qualifying and the feature). If the tires start to come up a small amount of hardness during the night, a light coat of Track Tac® GK1-Blue can be put on the tire to drop it back down.

Q. What type of track conditions is Track Tac® GK1-Blue used for?

A. Track Tac® GK1-Blue is used on a hard track when just a small drop (about 10 points) in hardness is needed. This is a great treatment for most summer days, evenings as the temperature starts to drop, and through the rest of the night. Track Tac® GK1-Blue should not be used on an excessively wet track. The tires won't be soft enough.

Q. What is Track Tac® SAA-Grape?

A. Soft As A Grape is what the name is. It has a mild, sweet odor and softens tire an average of 25 points. Track Tac® SAA-Grape can be used early in the week for a lasting drop during a night of racing. Track Tac® SAA-Grape can be used at the race track to get a short term drop of 15 to 25 points depending on how much is used.

Q. What type of track conditions is Track Tac® SAA-Grape used for?

A. Cool nights, moist clay tracks and Track Tac® SAA-Grape go well together. Using Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT on top of Track Tac® SAA-Grape gives a soft tire with great "bite".

Q. What is Track Tac® BTGP-Red?

A. Track Tac® BTGP-Red is meant to be a safer alternative to Methylnaphthalene (Liquid Gold or Goat Pee). Track Tac® BTGP-Red contains no cancer causing components and gives the same tire performance as Methylnaphthalene.

Q. Will Track Tac® BTGP-Red dry out tires and make them hard after several weeks of use?

A. No!!! Track Tac® BTGP-Red can even be used to repair tires that have been damaged by Methylnaphthalene.

Q. Can Track Tac® BTGP-Red be over used?

A. YES!!! The more you use the more it softens. If the tire is too soft it will "feather up" and damage the tire. Track Tac® BTGP-Red is meant for a soggy track in Spring and Fall or after a short thunderstorm during the summer. This product should be used with care the drier and hotter the track is.

Q. When should Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash be used?

A. Any and every time you want to clean your tires, just follow the instructions on the bottle.

Q. What makes Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash special?

A. Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash will not damage the tire prep already in the tire. It is meant to be sprayed on and wiped off. No buckets of water. No all purpose cleaners that are so alkaline they damage the tire prep. Just Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash and some clean rags are all you need. At the end of the night take the dirty rags home, wash and dry them. Bring them back to use the next night of racing.


The other great thing about Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash is it also has DRT – Dirt Repelling Technology. This give the person racing on dirt a distinct advantage. Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT is the easiest way to clean tires whether they are new and have release agents and waxes on them or you just ran laps on a dirt track. Just washing with Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT makes tires look newer.

Q. I have been using the SST5 on Burris 44s, and wiping on the Orange at the track. I need to drop the durometer about 10-15 points. The only thing I have is the Track Tac® BTGP-Red Can I use it on top of the Track Tac® SST5-Purple

A. You can put any of our products on top of any other of our products. Just keep in mind when you soften the tire it will be very hard to get back harder in most cases. If you are going to drop the durometer reading with the Track Tac® BTGP-Red do it early in the week and be very sparing when using it.

Check your durometer reading after you put on each coat to be sure you don't over do it.

You can soften a HT3 about 30 to 35 points with the Track Tac® BTGP-Red if you want. If you do it over a weeks



time and don't put more than 3 coats on in any one night you will have a great set of soft tires for fall and then spring racing when the track have a lot of moisture.

Q. *I saw recently a product to get all of the dirt out of the pores of his tires. He was recommending to coat the tires with the substance then scrub it all off with a rag till the rag turned the color of the dirt he races on. Does anyone know of the person who is selling this stuff?*

A. It's Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT. It cleans out the pores of the tires and conditions the tires. It is sold in gallon jugs and is available from all of the Track Tac® Dealers and Distributors.

Here is a quick rundown of the products. We hope this is helpful.

Track Tac® SST – Best for Asphalt. It will last through a whole night of racing. It needs to be applied in advance. Monday and Tuesday for a Saturday race. Use light coats and let it dry between coats. Works on treaded or slick tires. You control the durometer point drop by the number of coats you apply. You don't need to wrap your tires – it's your option.

Track Tac® SST5-Purple – This product contains NO petroleum distillates. We designed this for dirt tracks. It gives super bite, but if you don't have enough Horse Power and Torque it will bog you down. In our area Modifies on dirt (Carolina Clash, etc.) are swapping out their small block and putting in their big block engines. If you use this on kart tires use a quarter of what you think you need. It takes 10 days to apply but you apply it in one night. Apply a coat and wait one hour apply a second coat and wait 2 hours then apply a third coat. Set the tires aside for 10 days. If you check the tires during the 10 days they will feel greasy at first and then get less greasy over the 10 day. At the end of 10 days they will have a very slight greasy feel. Now wipe the tires down with 2 coats of Track Tac® PRW-Orange – let dry between coats.

This product is meant for dry, hard, and dusty clay tracks that have been loaded down with Calcium Chloride.

Track Tac® PRW-Green – PRE RACE WIPE – for asphalt or sealed tracks. Track Tac® PRW-Green works great on top of Track Tac® SST to refresh the surface "bite" between heats and then before the feature. If it is used as a pre race wipe it will last between 2 and 5 laps, depending on how much is applied. It is meant to be used when what you need is some help until the tires get hot and take over on their own. Don't sop it on. Apply a thin coat and let it dry. Repeat with a second coat if you think you need it.

Track Tac® SAA-Grape – Soft As A Grape. This product will soften tires and is meant for the spring and fall when the dirt tracks

are cooler and have more moisture in them. It is meant as a primary treatment to be applied early in the week for a weekend race. The longer you give it, the deeper it will go in the tire. If you wait until Friday or Saturday it will drop the durometer but it won't be very deep and it probably will "give up" before you want. It can be applied between trips to the track because it dries quickly. We always recommend putting Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT on top of Track Tac® SAA-Grape as a final top coat to get the extra "bite". Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT can be overused so use it sparingly. Just light coats are all that is needed.

Track Tac® GK1-Blue – This product contains NO petroleum distillates. It is meant to be used on harder dirt tracks that are fairly dry, and not too dusty. It provides a great base even after the sun goes down and some moisture comes back into the track. It can be used inside or outside. You get better control if you apply it from the outside. You will typically get a 5 to 10 point drop when applied from the outside and it tend to drop 15 points if done inside to out. We always recommend putting Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT on top of Track Tac® GK1-Blue as a final top coat to get the extra "bite".

Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT can be overused so use it sparingly. Just light coats are all that is needed.

Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT – "Bite" in a can. Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT will drop the durometer of a tire very little, 0 to 5 points. It is meant to be a pre race wipe for dirt tracks. The DRT stands for Dirt Repelling Technology. Yes the tires do repel dirt better than tire that aren't treated with the Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT. It can also be used as a primary treatment during the week to give a better base for rock hard, dry, and dusty tracks. This product can be overused so use it sparingly. Just light coats are all that is needed. It is highly recommended for sealer tracks.

Track Tac® BTGP-Red – Better Than Goat Pee because contains no carcinogens, it won't destroy your tires if used correctly and it won't destroy the environment. Yes, Goat Pee, Yellow Gold, or any of its other names is a carcinogen because of the Naphthalene it contains. Its chemical name is Methyl-naphthalene, and it is a bio-hazard, a marine pollutant.

Track Tac® BTGP-Red can be used essentially the same way you would use Methyl-naphthalene, but it is safer. We recommend it for wet tracks. As tracks get drier we recommend going to Track Tac® SAA-Grape and then Track Tac® GK1-Blue.

Track Tac® BTGP-Red can be used to repair tires that have been dried out because they were treated with Goat Pee. We always recommend putting Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT on top of Track Tac®

BTGP-Red as a final top coat to get the extra "bite". Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT can be overused so use it sparingly. Just light coats are all that is needed.

Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT – This is a spray on/wipe off tire cleaner that work on new tires, tires that have dirt on them, tires that have a build-up of the track sealer used in the south, especially Florida and it is a great way to remove Coke Syrup from indoor races on concrete. Spray it on wait 15 seconds to several minutes and then wipe it off. If needed you can reapply it immediately. Let the wet tires dry before applying any tire prep. Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT is water based, this is why it needs to be dry.

Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT can be diluted 50/50 with Naphtha VM & P so that thinner coats can be applied. More is definitely not better when using the Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT. It should be used sparingly each time it is used and diluting it makes it easier to cut down on the amount used per application.


Q. *Can the products be mixed with each other?*

A. Normally we don't recommend mixing the Track Tac® Products.

Q. *What is Track Tac® Black Sand?*

A. Track Tac® Black Sand builds bite without dropping the durometer. The longer Track Tac® Black Sand cures, the more "bite" it builds. When different Track Tac® Products are used as a base it can make the Track Tac® Black Sand "cure" at different rates and it is usually quicker. Track Tac® Black Sand is being used in many more and varied ways than when the product was introduced. Why is this? Is it working? We want to pass along something that we are stilling learning about. Track Tac® Black Sand is a fairly unique product, as anyone who has used it has found out. What we didn't know, until recently, was just how very different it is. Track Tac® Black Sand is a bit of a chameleon. When it is put on top of another Track Tac® Product it takes on the characteristics of the other product and just builds more bite, in most cases. Put Track Tac® Black Sand on top of Track Tac® SAA-Grape and you get Track Tac® SAA-Grape with more bite. Since Track Tac® SAA-Grape doesn't have water sensitivity, the Track Tac® Black Sand acts more like Track Tac® SAA-Grape. Water sensitivity is greatly reduced.

Track Tac® PRW-Orange repels water and repels dirt. Put Track Tac® Black Sand on top of Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT and the Track Tac® Black Sand starts to lose the sensitivity to water and starts to repel dirt. Put the Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT on top of cured Track Tac® Black Sand and you get the



equivalent of Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT with even more bite because of the Track Tac® Black Sand.

The Track Tac® Black Sand doesn't soften but it does not stop the tire from being softened, unless it is overused to extreme. Top off Track Tac® GK1-Blue with Track Tac® Black Sand and you get a new version of Track Tac® GK1-Blue. Top off Track Tac® BTGP-Red with Track Tac® Black Sand and you get a new version of BTGP-Red. Top off Track Tac® SST and you get a new version of Track Tac® SST. The other thing, that is possibly the strangest, is that not only can Track Tac® Black Sand be used to build bite, it can also be used to reduce bite. A fresh coat of Track Tac® Black Sand used track side, with little time to dry and not enough time to cure, can actual be used to reduce the bite of a tire. This is mainly used on hot summer days, on a hot, dry, high bite track. A fresh coat of Track Tac® Black Sand, with just barely enough time to dry, will cut some of the bite in the tire in many cases.

Q. What is Track Tac® SQS?

- A. Track Tac® SQS is a cold weather pre race wipe that build bite down to temperatures as low as 0 deg F. This is as cold as we have tested and it may even be lower. At very low temperatures it can make the tires act as if they had already "come in". Track Tac® SQS is recommended for use below 50 deg F but can be used at temperatures above 50 deg F if used with caution. Track Tac® SQS must be dry if used as temperatures increase. As with all Track Tac® Products, except the Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT, use the products sparingly until you know what they are going to do to your tires. Always use the Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT by spraying it on just to the point of dripping. Let the Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash with DRT sit for one or two minutes and then scrub the tires dry with a terry cloth towel. We still recommend using light, very sparing coats of Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT as the last thing before going to the grid. This is to get the full advantage of the DRT properties off the Track Tac® PRW-Orange with DRT.

Q. Do Track Tac® Products work on Vega Tires?

- A. The quick answer is yes. But here is some additional data. Data on the

Vega's is building daily so keep in touch for the most recent information. Here is the information we currently have. To clean the Vega's the Track Tac® Blue Tire Wash does a great job. Once the tire dries it will have almost the exact same surface tack as a new tire.

To get the Vega's to fire off we have gotten the following to work depending on track conditions. If you use the Track Tac® Products sparingly on other brands of tires be even more sparing with Vega's, until you get a handle on how much to use. DON'T OVER-PREP at the track and it is easy to do.

The following can be used as Pre Race Wipes, but need to be dry for best result:

Track Tac® SQS – Even at temperatures above 50 deg F. Just be sure it is dry and feels like it has a lot of bite. The SQS can look dry, but not be dry. The feel of the tire will tell you if it is dry. This will give the Vega's a lot more bite but cut down on the stickiness.

Track Tac® PRW-Orange – Use it just like you would on other brands of tires. New, uncut or unscuffed Vega tires will dry to a very streaky appearance. This is an uneven application of the DRT in the Track Tac® PRW-Orange. Try to avoid this.

Track Tac® SST 30% and 70% Track Tac® PRW-Orange – This will help greatly at stopping the streaking and help the tires fire off a little quicker than straight Track Tac® PRW-Orange on HOTTER days.

Track Tac® SQS 30% and 70% Track Tac® PRW-Orange – This will help greatly at stopping the streaking and help the tires fire off a little quicker than straight Track Tac® PRW-Orange on COOLER days.

Track Tac® PRW-Green – This will dry quickly and build a little extra dry bite. It can also be used early in the week to harden the Vega's about 5 points. Monday wipe on 2 coats 20 minutes apart and let sit in the sun. Repeat again Tuesday. Just sun Wednesday.

Q. Can the Track Tac® Products be used from the inside?

- A. Yes, but the tires should be rotated

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continuously. You can use the following preps from the inside. Just keep in mind it may take longer than you think it should and you should use less than you think you should. The following is just a guide.

Track Tac® SAA-Grape 3.5 to 4.0 oz left 4.0 to 4.5 right.

Track Tac® BTGP-Red 1.0 to 1.5 oz left 1.5 to 2.0 right.

Track Tac® GK1-Blue Probably better to wipe from the inside to insure it isn't overused, at least on the left side. Use 1 ounce to start out, on the right side, at most. Increase the amount on the right side with caution.

Track Tac® Black Sand – Part of the product won't pass through the tire, so if you prep from the inside, you may not like the results.

Track Tac® SST5-Purple – Part of the product won't pass through the tire, so if you prep from the inside, you may not like the results.

Track Tac® PRW-Green – Same quantity as Hot-Lap Original is a good starting point. Not the same chemistry as Hot-Lap Original.

Track Tac® SST – Same quantity as Hot-Lap II is a good starting point. Not the same chemistry.

Track Tac® PRW-Orange – Part of the product won't pass through the tire, so if you prep from the inside, you may not like the results.

Track Tac® SQS – Never done it, so we can't guide you. This is really meant to be a track side wipe.

****For More Information go to WWW.4cycle.com then go to forums, then go to Tires/Prep, then go to Track Tac® - Help Provided, then go to post 921 for links to other posts with important data.**

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